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SUBJ: CANDIDATE FOR FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL POSITION

REF: LAGOS 827

1. CANADIAN HICOMM OFFICER APPROACHED EMBOFF AT RECEPTION JUNE 2 TO INQUIRE ABOUT PRESENT STATUS GHANAIAI CANDIDATE (SEY) FOR FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL POSITION, SAYING THAT CANADIAN INFO WAS THAT NIGERIAN CANDIDATE HAD DEFINITELY WITHDRAWN FROM RACE. AS CANADA HAS ITS OWN CANDIDATE FOR THE JOB (AND, HE SAID, EXPECTED TO GET US SUPPORT FOR CANADIAN), CANADIAN MISSIONS IN AFRICA HAVE BEEN BUSY SOUNDING OUT ACTUAL AFRICAN POSITION THIS MATTER. HE EXPRESSED IRRITATION WITH GHANAIAI PRESUMPTION IN ASSERTING JOB WAS "NATURAL RIGHT" THEIR CANDIDATE.

2. SEY HIMSELF IS ASSERTING CATEGORICALLY THAT NIGERIAN HAS WITHDRAWN, AND THAT HE IS ASSURED AT PRESENT TIME OF MINIMUM THIRTY AFRICAN VOTES.

3. AS CANADIANS OCCASIONALLY GET THINGS BACKWARD HERE, WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED (A) STATUS NIGERIAN CANDIDATE, AND REASON FOR WITHDRAWAL, IF TRUE, (B) IF USG HAS EXPRESSED INTENTION SUPPORT CANADIAN CANDIDATE.

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